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TOWN REPORT.

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Jennie A. Lee, teaching grammar school	\$228 00	
Susie B. Gould, teaching grammar school	64 00	
Edith M. Randall, teaching grammar school	40 00	
Lena B. Pool, teaching grammar school	29 60	
Euphenia Smith, teaching intermediate school	210 00	
Annie M. Neis, teaching intermediate school	88 00	
Carrie W. Carpenter, teaching intermediate school	64 00	
Nellie C. Howe, teaching primary intermediate school	424 60	
George E. Currier, transporting school children	60 00	
Moses Peabody, transporting school children for 1898	610 00	
Moses Peabody, transporting school children for 1899	67 50	
H. K. Richardson, drawing 12 tons coal	12 00	
Lore & Russell, coal	10 50	
Lore & Russell, 12 tons of coal	60 00	
Town, 3 cords of wood	15 00	
J. J. Grothe, water from Jan. 1895 to July 1897	25 00	
James Q. Gallagher, water for 1898	10 00	
Augustus Shepard, janitor	65 60	
Balance due the schools	526 78	
		\$2,610 58
Balance due the school last year	\$525 25	
Town appropriation	1,600 00	
State school fund	329 62	
Amount received from dog license	155 71	
		\$2,610 58

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation		\$600 00
Unexpended appropriation of 1897		73 75
Town of Danvers, for tuition of 17 pupils	255 00	— — —
Town of Danvers, for tuition of 28 pupils	393 00	
Unexpended appropriation for 1898	25 75	
	— — —	\$673 75

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

H. K. Richardson, express and car fare	\$7 80	
“ “ “ “ grading school yard	16 10	
J. A. Atwood, labor and stock on East school house	3 94	
George B. Flint, repairs on school house	2 75	
Edmond Dernier, labor on school house	42 00	
Augustus Shepard, fumigating school house	7 00	
“ “ repairs on stove and setting glass	65	
Augustus Shepard, cash paid and labor on school house	11 90	
W. Henry Hutchinson, glass	60	
Pope Brothers, lumber for school house	57 35	
“ “ “ “ “ “ in 1897	1 80	
M. E. Tyler, express and postage	88	
H. K. Richardson, special service and cash paid	13 55	
James Q. Gallagher, for repairs on school house	110 00	
A. Shepard, repairs	95	
	— — —	\$168 37
Appropriation	\$150 00	
Overdrawn	18 37	
	— — —	\$168 37

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammet & Co., school supplies	\$5 40	
“ “ “ “ “ per		
order of M. E. Tyler	4 00	
J. L. Hammet & Co., school supplies	5 14	
“ “ “ “ “	2 55	
“ “ “ “ “	8 58	
“ “ “ “ “	11 49	
Murphy, Lavens & Co., “ “	1 14	
George F. King & Co.	8 73	
Thomas P. Nichols, 100 certificated		
deportments	4 75	
American Book Co., supplies	10 08	
Thompson, Brown & Co., blanks	3 03	
Ginn & Co , 16 American histories	5 00	
“ “ books	8 33	
“ “ geographies	26 04	
American Book Co., supplies	1 92	
	<hr/>	\$106 16
Overdrawn		6 16
		<hr/>
Appropriation	\$100 00	\$100 00

Report of the Overseers of the Poor of Middleton.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board for Sarah Rennard	\$169 46
Town of Peabody, board for Frank Perkins	144 00
“ “ “ “ Harriet Smith	130 00
Town of Georgetown, aid rendered David P. Hutchinson	70 00
Town of Reading, aid rendered W. A. Melcher	18 00
City of Malden, board for Mary K. Mansfield	167 00
City of Salem Hospital, board for Joseph Chandler	34 26
City of Salem, aid rendered Frank Wilkins	5 20
E. H. Niles, medical attendance for Mrs. Colbey	4 00
H. G. Vinal, medical attendance for Mrs. Colbey	15 00
H. G. Vinal, medical attendance for Arthur Colbey	14 00
Lore & Russell, coal for Mrs. Colbey	6 50
Angeline Chandler, care and attendance for Mrs. Colbey	6 00
Charles Cross, wood for Mrs. Colbey	3 00
A. A. Wilkins, supplies for Geo. Margeson	2 00
H. G. Vinal, medical attendance family of Geo. Margeson	5 00
Henry F. Batchelder, consultation for F. H. Benitez	5 00
Town of Middleton, wood furnished F. H. Benitez	9 25
H. G. Vinal, hot air apparatus	12 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Chas. Wilkins	32 00
J. F. Hayward, supplies for Chas. Wilkins	6 00

Wood and Tramp Department.

Dr.

H. A. Wilkins, supplies for tramps	\$ 8 07	
George Margeson, cutting wood	14 78	
F. H. Benitez, locking up 755 tramps	37 75	
“ “ working tramps 84 times	42 00	
Albert A. Wilkins, supplies for tramps	35 47	
Charles Cross, drawing wood	11 08	
F. H. Benitez, washing and mending blankets	2 00	
“ “ filing saw and repairs on horse	1 00	
Value of wood on stump	14 00	
Value of estimated wood on hand	20 00	
	—————	\$186 13

Cr.

Center school, 3 cords of wood	\$15 00	
Frank Benitez, $2\frac{1}{4}$ cords of wood	9 25	
Mrs. Nickerson, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of wood	2 50	
Value of estimated wood on hand	20 00	
Cost for supporting tramps	139 38	
	—————	\$186 13

Highway Department.

Allen D. Bryer	\$102 67
Loren G. Estey	60 57
Loren G. Estey, gravel	10 70
John Q. Averill	92 25
H. K. Richardson	106 49
A. M. Richardson	44 33
Burton McGlaulin	9 00
Jesse Daniels	28 08
Leo W. Wilkins	29 23
William Richardson	6 75
Thomas McKenne	3 75
Jesse L. Peabody	25 05
Otis Rennard	5 02
Samuel Currier	29 25
J. B. Putney, gravel	10 90
John P. Fuller	30 25
Alvin Wilkins	23 25
J. M. Richardson	10 50
Howard Weaver	33 25
Fred Wilkins	3 00
Frank Curtis	18 23
Will Wilkins	5 58
Fred Flint	10 50
Chester Campbell	4 50
William Berry, gravel	1 80
Harley Tyler	7 41
Joseph Chandler	4 50
Mrs. Eunice Fletcher, for gravel	4 80
J. Burns, sharpening tools	55
Albert Coleman	15
Benjamin Peabody	75
Leverette Wilkins, gravel	50
Charles Bagley	9 00
A. G. Huntoon	9 30
John Milbury	4 65
Thomas Carlin	4 95

Woodman Bros. & Ross, gravel	\$7 30	
George Soper	18 00	
James Currier	1 50	
Levi Curtis	53	
Darius Case	75	
Henry Peabody	1 50	
Charles Brown	1 50	
Pope Bros., lumber	1 79	
James Q. Gallagher, repairing R. M. and tools	8 25	
L. G. Estey, branding iron	1 25	
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	3 87	
George Tyler & Co.	10 90	
Oscar Cram, error, 1897	3 00	
J. Q. Gallagher, 1897	10 50	
M. J. Emerson, housing road machine, 1897	2 00	
George Currier, covering stone	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$825 10
Appropriation	\$800 00	
Overdrawn	25 10	
	<hr/>	\$825 10

BRIDGES.

Appropriation		\$100 00
A. D. Bryer	\$7 00	
L. G. Estey	2 78	
Edmond Dernier	1 00	
Charles Bagley	3 50	
Charles Cross	50	
Charles Brown	2 25	
M. E. Tyler	50	
Pope Bros., lumber	58 84	
Chester Campbell	1 50	
Frank Curtis	1 50	
M. B. Page, pipe	6 80	
J. Q. Averill	2 90	
Alvin Wilkins	1 28	
S. M. Peabody	30	
	<hr/>	\$90 65
Unexpended		9 35
		<hr/>
		\$100 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation		\$50 00
Allen D. Bryer	\$8 50	
Charles Brown	4 50	
Frank Curtis	3 75	
Allen Atwood	5 78	
John Milbury	11 25	
Thomas Carlin	4 50	
Samuel Currier	25	
J. B. Putney, for gravel	4 80	
E. S. Hutchinson	38	
L. G. Estey	3 00	
Harley Tyler	3 00	
	<hr/>	49 71
Unexpended		29
		<hr/>
		\$50 00

SNOW BILLS.

Charles Gould	\$7 00
William Quill	3 40
Charles Freeman	1 60
D. W. Kitchen	1 80
Vincent Lienbenski	1 80
W. E. Barker	2 60
G. B. Flint	70
James Rier	9 20
William Martin	4 80
William Sanford	9 18
George Michaud	3 60
Charles W. Paul	3 16
Albert Miller	5 90
Eben Miller	3 80
Robert Bowley	4 80
J. H. Fletcher	3 80
Fred Louelgrove	5 00
Samuel Peabody	2 40
Daniel Vanbuslurk	5 10

Barney Pine	\$2 20
Porter Gould	1 60
Charles Tyler	1 80
Thomas Knight	2 80
E. Murray	5 20
Louis Bushaw	1 30
Phelix Maynard	2 90
John Knight	4 00
Oscar Cram for 1897	13 45
Ira Kitchen	1 50
Frank Margeson	3 70
Morris Margeson	3 60
Benjamin Metcalf	8 00
Burton McGlauffin	3 80
James Milbury	8 50
W. F. Freeman	4 40
John King	4 60
Jos. Chandler	4 90
Charles Rier	2 40
William Freeman	3 30
Lyman Wilkins	7 20
Payson Wilkins	3 00
Bray Wilkins	1 60
Ewd. McKenne	2 00
Chester Campbell	2 70
Joseph Willett	3 50
Samuel Willett	80
George Milbury	80
H. E. Howe	2 30
George Derry	1 40
Everett Bryer	4 60
L. F. Harlow	1 50
Fred Goodwin	3 60
J. L. Peabody	9 00
Augustus Peabody	80
W. E. Gould	2 60
Sloan	3 60
Thomas Dowell	4 80
J. J. H. Gregory	3 80

Albert Coleman	\$16 30
Fred Richardson	5 30
William Rowell	4 50
George Barnaby	1 00
G. W. Newman	1 80
James Leavitt	8 40
Allen Atwood	11 25
John Dempsey	15 70
L. G. Estey	24 20
Allen Bryer	22 40
Alvin Wilkins	8 50
Edward Peabody	7 50
George Peabody	7 90
George Gould	7 80
Walter Gould	1 20
Frank Witham	8 20
John Q. Averill	16 65
George Hinman	18 50
G. W. Morton	4 00
William Maynard	4 00
F. A. Upton	2 00
A. C. Hinman	2 00
George Soper	26 25
John Britania	1 80
James Cassidy	4 00
Joseph McKenne	4 10
Wesley Porter	40
Hazen Richardson	40
Forrest Peabody	3 30
Charles Bagley	8 30
Will Wilkins	5 25
Howard Weaver	7 00
Hosea Richardson	8 20
Earl Collins	5 40
Charles Como	3 90
Harley Tyler	11 35
John Milbury	55 10
William Brown	4 70
John Tuttle	10 50

John Fuller	\$32 65
Benjamin Ogden	8 40
Westley McCowan	4 30
Perley Richardson	2 50
A. G. Huntoon	2 60
Melvin Richardson	2 50
Frank Curtis	12 70
William Green	4 00
Willie Ogden	5 60
William Margeson	5 00
Charles Brown	7 40
George Margeson	13 60
Walter Rounds	6 80
John Higgins	6 80
John McCowan	3 80
George Currier	6 80
Frank Evans	6 80
Westley Milbury	4 40
Max Chandler	1 60
George Willett	4 40
John Morgan	3 30
Stephen Willett	7 18
Charles Morgan	2 60
Fred Flint	6 10
Henry Peabody	1 50
Herbert Hatch	2 00
C. O. Floyd	2 40
Wallace Peabody	10 50
Simon Marlet	2 70
Nelson T. Learn	2 70
George Woods	2 50
Edwin Currier	80
H. A. Currier	2 00
A. Conover	5 80
E. S. Hutchinson	7 20
D. W. Case	3 40
Daniel Richardson	4 80
Edward Smith	2 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, 1 dozen snow shovels	3 40

\$797 77

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS.

B. P. Richardson, selectman and assessor	\$115 00
Asa Howe, " "	108 00
M. J. Emerson, " "	100 00
B. P. Richardson, registrar of voters	10 00
Asa Howe, " " "	10 00
M. J. Emerson, " " "	10 00
S. A. Fletcher, " " "	10 00
" " town clerk	10 00
" " treasurer	35 00
H. K. Richardson, school committee	35 00
E. M. Ingalls, " "	35 00
H. E. Howe, " "	20 00
M. E. Tyler " "	5 00
L. G. Estey, road commissioner	10 00
Allen D. Bryer, " "	10 00
John Q. Averill, " "	10 00
Frank L. Estey, collecting taxes in 1896, 1897	15 00
Charles J. Brown, services as police on July 3 and 4	5 00
L. G. Estey, services as police on July 3 and 4	5 00
John W. Demsey, services as police on July 3 and 4	5 00
Henry Young, services as election officer	2 00
Fred W. Giles, " " " "	2 00
James H. Curtis, " " " "	2 00
B. T. McGlaufflin, election officer	2 00
L. G. Estey, " "	2 00
Oscar Cram, constable	47 50
James H. Curtis, moderator	5 00
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	\$625 50

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Catherine Danforth	\$44 00
Hugh Cook	45 00
Susan A. Stuart	48 00

Sarah M. Matthews	\$4 00	
Henry Peabody	48 00	
Lydia M. Peabody	48 00	
Isaiah B. Peabody	24 00	
Patrick Donovan	72 00	
Benjamin W. Peabody	36 90	
Mary E. Manning	48 00	
Anna J. Sheldon	48 00	
Angeline Newhall	48 00	
Albert R. Bowley	72 00	
Ansel Nickerson	48 00	
Scott Wilkins	20 00	
	————	\$653 00

MILITARY AID.

Benjamin T. Gould	\$72 00	
Clarence P. Cram	40 00	
Loren Goodwin	83 43	
	————	\$195 43

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Town of Melrose, house rent for W. F. Russell	\$117 00	
Town of Melrose, clothing for W. F. Russell	12 00	
J. F. Hayward, provisions for Henry Peabody	2 00	
Lore & Russell, balance on coal for Henry Peabody	38	
A. W. Peabody, for wood for Henry Peabody	3 50	
Wm. N. Brown, coal for Ansel Nickerson	6 50	
Harry G. Vinal, professional services for Ansel Nickerson	24 00	
H. E. Howe, wood for Ansel Nickerson	2 12	
Town of Middleton, wood for Ansel Nickerson	2 50	

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

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Town of Middleton, to cash to Ansel		
Nickerson	\$2 00	
Loren Goodwin, soldier's relief	10 00	
Elizabeth M. McGlauffin, soldier's relief	36 00	
Frank Russell, soldier's relief	160 00	
Frank Russell, house rent to A. W. Peabody	5 00	
City of Beverly, Sophronia Terrio	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$390 50

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENT.

DR.

Henry A. Young, janitor	\$124 15	
Lore & Russell, coal	6 25	
Henry A. Young, supplies	4 10	
Town of Danvers, water rates	3 00	
A. A. Wilkins, supplies	7 75	
" " "	7 40	
Town of Danvers, water rates	3 00	
Lore & Russell, coal	19 50	
A. A. Wilkins, supplies	3 85	
George Rounds, inspecting hall	1 50	
Lore & Russell, coal	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$187 00
Amount received above expense		10 70
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		\$197 70

CR.

Cash received from I. O. R. M.	\$53 55
" " " First Cong. Society	6 75
Entertainments and dance	137 40
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	\$197 70

FLAG STAFF.

Appropriation	\$125 00	
Paid committee		\$125 00

CEMETERY.

Town of Danvers, water rates	\$6 00	
John M. Peabody, labor	97 27	
" " " care of Persis Russell lot	4 00	
" " " removing snow	2 50	
" " " cash paid for turning on water	1 00	
John M. Peabody, incidentals	7 65	
" " " superintendent	10 00	
Thomas Carlin, care of D. Fuller lot	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$133 42
Appropriation		125 00
Unexpended		<hr/> \$8 42

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Flags	\$4 40	
S. A. Fletcher, cash and supplies	72 55	
E. W. Wilkins, " "	1 95	
L. P. Fletcher, services	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$80 90
Unexpended		<hr/> \$19 10

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A. A. Wilkins, supplies	\$3 17	
L. G. Esty, " "	55	
" " chief of fire department	60 00	
Samuel Peabody, pumps	3 25	
Andrew J. Morse & Son, nozzle	1 50	
" " " alarm box	1 65	
James Q. Gallagher, repairs on hose	1 25	
" " " wheel of J. P. Fuller 1896 and 1897	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$75 37
Balance due		4 63
		<hr/> \$80 00
Appropriation	\$80 00	

FOREST FIRES.

Loren G. Esty, chief of department	\$7 20
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ABATEMENTS.

Heirs of Charles P. Preston, on 1897	\$1 62
John Q. Averill, " "	2 92
Edna G. Batchelder, " "	9 00
F. P. Merriam, " "	8 87
Frank L. Wilkins, " "	2 63
Abigail F. Wilson, " 1898	2 90
Caroline A. Fletcher, " "	1 23
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	\$29 17

HEARSE ACCOUNT.

Appropriation	\$25 00
M. E. Tyler, for painting and repairing hearse	\$20 00
Unexpended	5 00
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	\$25 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Olvin H. Lufkin, printing Town reports	\$51 00
" " " School "	19 25
Joseph Marsh, balance on land sold for taxes	29 93
Edith Richardson, her interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66
Fred Richardson & Luella Fuller, interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66
Rebecca Richardson, interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66
C. E. & Effie Richardson, interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66
John B. Skinner, for police at flag raising	15 36
A. A. Wilkins, tax books and bond blanks	1 55
A. N. Webb, order books	3 25

J. E. Nightingale, repairing weights	\$2 40
Farnham Stiles, sealer of weights and measures	5 00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, ink	75
M. E. Tyler, services as delegate on State highway	3 12
Asa Howe, services as delegate on State highway	3 12
L. G. Esty, services as delegate on State highway two times	5 24
Merritt Electric Co., blowing whistle	96 79
B. P. Richardson, journeys out of town three times, car fare	9 49
Asa Howe, journey out of town, car fare	2 00
S. A. Fletcher, journeys out of town, car fare	4 93
H. G. Vinal, for fumigating three houses	20 00
“ “ returning births	50
S. A. Fletcher, express and stationery	5 63
“ “ administering oaths	4 00
“ “ recording births, deaths and marriages	17 70
S. A. Fletcher, two fares to Lynn	1 20
B. P. Richardson, postage, express, cash for book	1 28
Theodore Metcalf, for disinfectants	6 40
D. I. Nash, telephone charges and postage 1897	65
D. I. Nash, for use of team 1897	1 32
A. A. Wilkins, assistant counter at Town meeting	2 50
H. G. Vinal, returning eight births	2 00
“ “ returning births	75
E. M. Ingalls, taking school census	4 00
George B. Flint, repairs on tramp house	4 00
George F. Haskell, teller at annual meeting	2 50
John M. Peabody, care of street lamp	12 00
“ “ returning thirteen deaths	3 25
Charles Cross, for delivering wood	1 50
B. P. Richardson, his interest in L. Richardson land, sold for taxes	4 66

 \$367 66

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools	£2,068 80
Incidental school expenses	168 37
School books and supplies	106 16
High school pupils	648 00
Poor department	953 03
Wood and tramp department	152 13
Highway department	825 10
Bridges	90 65
Sidewalks	49 71
Removing snow	797 77
Town officers	625 50
State aid	653 00
Military aid	192 93
Soldiers' relief	390 50
Town hall	187 00
Cemetery	133 42
Memorial day	80 90
Flag staff	125 00
Fire department	75 37
Forest fires	7 20
Abatements	29 17
Painting hearse	20 00
Miscellaneous	367 66
	<hr/> \$8,752 37

FLINT BUILDING FUND.

Dr.

To balance on Bank Account, Feb. 1898	\$129 12
“ interest at Five Cents Savings Bank	5 18
“ cash received for grass on Library lot	2 50
“ “ “ of J. A. Atwood for apples on Library lot	9 40
To cash received of A. Shepard for apples on Library lot	75
To cash received of S. W. Weston for cement	20
	<hr/> \$147 15

CR.

By cash paid Geo. B. Flint, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor	\$68 25	
" " " " " " for materials used		5 00
By cash paid H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil, etc.	7 37	
" " " A. Shepard, for labor	6 40	
" " " J. Milberry, for loam and labor	6 00	
" " " J. A. Atwood, for labor on lawn	8 25	
" " " C. P. Stiles, for sods	2 30	
" " " James Fairfield, barrel of cement	2 50	
" " " express on barrel of cement	1 00	
" balance in bank	40 08	
	<hr/>	\$147 15

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Amount received of estate of Hon. Charles L. Flint		\$5,000 00
Notes against Town of Middleton	\$3,200 00	
Deposited in Savings Banks	1,800 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance unexpended Feb. 1898	\$557 75	
" interest credited on bank account	55 28	
" " received from town on notes	215 00	
	<hr/>	\$828 03

CR.

By amount expended on books	\$59 05	
" " " " periodicals	39 40	
" " unexpended	729 58	
	<hr/>	\$828 03

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with Sophronia Fuller
Fund for care of cemetery lot.

DR.

To balance on hand as per last year's account	\$207 32	
To interest credited on bank account	8 36	
	<u> </u>	\$215 68

CR.

By cash paid T. Carlin, work on lot	\$5 00	
By balance on bank account	210 68	
	<u> </u>	\$215 68

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with P. B. Russell
fund, for care of cemetery lot.

DR.

To balance on hand as per last year's acct.	\$103 46	
To interest credited on bank account	4 16	
To cash received of Mrs. Russell	100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$207 62

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with funds for per-
petual care of cemetery lots.

DR.

To cash received from adm'r of estate of Melantha Gifford for care of lot	\$100 00	
" " received from adm'r of estate of Annie M. McIntire for care of lot	100 00	
" " received from adm'r of estate of Annie M. McIntire for lot of H. Amelia Thomas	75 00	
" " received from adm'r of estate of Annie M. McIntire for lot of A. S. McIntire	75 00	
" " received from adm'r of estate of Annie M. McIntire for lot of E. Larkin Eaton	75 00	
	<u> </u>	\$425 00

CR.

By cash deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of heirs of Wm. Gifford	\$100 00	
" " deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of Annie M. McIntire	100 00	
" " deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of H. Amelia Thomas	75 00	
" " deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of Abram S. McIntire	75 00	
" " deposited in Danvers Savings Bank		
for lot of E. Larkin Eaton	75 00	
	<u> </u>	\$425 00

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890, as per last year's report		\$24 66
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DR.

Balance of tax list of 1891, as per last year's report	\$39 75	
Interest collected of tax list of 1891	1 84	
	<u> </u>	\$41 59

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list of 1891	\$6 67	
Amount uncollected on tax list of 1891	34 92	
	<u> </u>	\$41 59

JESSE W. PEABODY, tax collector, in account with the Town of Middleton.

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1893, as per last year's report	\$59 52	
Interest collected	2 17	
	<u> </u>	\$61 69

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1893	\$25 40	
Uncollected on tax list of 1893	36 29	
	<u> </u>	\$61 69

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1894, as per last year's report	\$276 81	
Interest collected	27 74	
	<u>-----</u>	\$304 55

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1894	\$138 55	
Uncollected on tax list of 1894	166 00	
	<u>-----</u>	\$304 55

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1896 as per last year's report	\$1,374 69	
Interest collected	43 77	
	<u>-----</u>	\$1,418 46

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1896	\$459 45	
Uncollected on tax list of 1896	959 01	
	<u>-----</u>	\$1,418 46

DR.

Balance of the tax list of 1897, as per last year's report	\$1,336 83	
Interest collected	77 74	
	<u>-----</u>	\$1,414 57

CR.

Amount paid treasurer on tax list 1897	\$1,949 72	
Uncollected on tax list of 1897	2,464 85	
	<u>-----</u>	\$4,414 57

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton for the year ending Feb. 28, 1899.

Dr.

To balance in treasury, Feb., 1898	\$1,681 33
To cash from David Hutchinson's estate	14 31
" " " Otis H. Rennerd	114 69
" " " State Treasurer for inspection of animals	20 00
" " from Danvers Saving Bank on note	1,000 00
" " " H. K. Richardson for old floor boards	4 00
" " from George M. Derry for pedler's license	3 00
" " from State Treasurer for support of state paupers	4 00
" " from State Treasurer for Corpora- tion tax	3 63
" " from State Treasurer for National Bank tax	31 19
" " from State Treasurer for Military aid	6 00
" " from City of Gloucester for aid to family of J. Colbey	1,195 55
" " from Town of Danvers for gravel	2 80
" " " Oscar Sheldon for cemetery lot, No. 166	10 00
" " from C. Sias Giles for cemetery lot No. 366	10 00
" " from Wm. P. Christopher for cemetery lot No. 226	7 00
" " from Henry Young for use of town hall	197 70
" " from two bottles of ink sold	30
" " " Oscar Cram for old funnel	1 50
" " " bank for care of Sophronia Fuller's cemetery lot	5 00
" " from State Treasurer for state aid	\$530 00

To cash from State Treas., income of school fund	\$329 62
" " from County Treasurer dog tax returned	155 71
" " from S. A. Fletcher for taxes of 1891	6 67
" " " Jesse W. Peabody for taxes of 1893	25 40
" " from Jesse W. Peabody for taxes of 1894	138 55
" " from Jesse W. Peabody for taxes of 1896	459 45
" " from Jesse W. Peabody for taxes of 1897	1,949 72
" " from Frank L. Estey for taxes of 1895	364 40
" " from John M. Peabody for taxes of 1898	5,895 00
	———— \$14,166 52

CR.

Paid interest on note of \$2,000.00	\$80 00
" Asiatic National Bank, on note	500 00
" " " " interest on notes	90 00
" County Treasurer, county tax	431 10
" Lynn Inst. for savings, note	3,000 00
" State Treasurer for state tax	300 00
" B. F. Emerson fund interest on note of \$800	40 00
" Flint Book Fund for interest	140 00
" " " " " "	75 00
" A. W. Peabody for interest	1 00
" Flint Book Fund on note	600 00
" Danvers Savings Bank interest on note	26 67
" on Overseers' orders	519 41
" " Selectmen's orders	7,573 77
" " State aid	653 00
Balance on hand	136 57
	———— \$14,166 52

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Treasurer.*

Middleton, Feb. 28, 1899.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real estate	\$490,898 00	
Personal estate	54,162 00	
	<hr/>	\$545,060 00
Additional real and personal estate		\$4,050 00
Number of polls, 239- $\frac{1}{6}$.		
Rate of taxation, \$14.50 per \$1,000.		
Tax on polls	\$478 00	
Tax on real estate	7,139 69	
Tax on personal estate	785 77	
	<hr/>	\$8,403 46
Additional tax on personal and real estate	\$58 73	
Tax on additional polls	12 00	
Amount voted for current expenses	\$2,000 00	
Schools	1,600 00	
Supplies	100 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
Highways	800 00	
Bridges	100 00	
Sidewalks	50 00	
Cemetery	125 00	
Memorial Day	100 00	
Flag staff	125 00	
Library lot	600 00	
Support of poor	1,000 00	
Tuition of High school scholars	600 00	
Compensation of firemen	60 00	
Enforcement of liquor law	50 00	
Supplies of fire department	20 00	
Repairs of hearse	25 00	
County tax	431 10	
State tax	300 00	
Overlay	167 36	
	<hr/>	\$8,403 46

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Library building and land	\$11,000 00
Flint Public Library	3,600 00
Town hall	4,000 00

School houses	\$5,000 00
Lock-up	400 00
Cemetery	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse house	600 00
Fire apparatus and hose house	800 00
Gravel pit	25 00
B. F. Emerson fund	10,900 00
C. L. Flint book fund	5,000 00
Road machine	200 00
School books in use	300 00
	———— \$43,125 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.	\$4,000 00
Amount of town notes on interest at 4 per cent.	4,000 00
Estimated amount of unsettled bills	600 00
Due the schools	552 56
	———— \$9,152 56

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account	\$136 57
Due from state on account of State aid	763 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Military aid	106 71
School books on hand	300 00
Due from Gloucester	48 50
“ “ Otis F. Rennerd	169 46
“ “ Frank H. Benitez	26 25
“ “ Charles Wilkins	44 50
“ “ Sale on Margeson-Chandler account and Spencer	24 05

Amount of uncollected tax, 1890	\$24 66
“ “ “ “ 1891	34 92
“ “ “ “ 1893	36 29
“ “ “ “ 1894	166 00
“ “ “ “ 1895	438 81
“ “ “ “ 1896	959 01
“ “ “ “ 1897	2,464 85
“ “ “ “ 1898	2,361 96
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	\$8,106 54
Balance against the town	1,046 02
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	\$9,152 56

B. P. RICHARDSON,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>	
ASA HOWE,		} <i>Middleton.</i>
M. J. EMERSON,		

Flint Public Library.

In presenting our twentieth annual report we find little to add to what has been said before in this connection. Our people continue to enjoy the advantages afforded them by our Library, if we can judge by the number of books taken from the Library, or the number, particularly of our young people, pupils in our schools, who are to be found at the reading table consulting books of reference on subjects connected with their studies.

About fifty new books have been purchased during the year, and until another supplement is printed, the titles of new books will be found on a bulletin near the librarian's desk.

We trust that the fact is borne in mind, that while we are indebted to the kindness of the late Hon. Charles L. Flint for our library building, and most of the books contained in it, the running expenses, furnishings and conveniences of the Library are procured by funds provided for us through the thoughtfulness of the late B. F. Emerson, thus placing us under a debt of gratitude which we can honorably discharge only by using these privileges to the best of our ability.

We are often congratulated by people from out of town upon having a fine Library building and good selection of books, particularly by summer residents, who gratefully accept the same privileges that are enjoyed by our own citizens.

The following publications are to be found in the reading room :

Weeklies:—Youth's Companion, Life, Harper's, Scientific American, Woman's Journal and Good Roads. The last two are furnished gratuitously by the publishers.

Monthlies:—Atlantic, Antiquarian, Century, Scribner's, New England Magazine, Forum, Review of Reviews, McClure's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, Our Dumb Animals and St. Nicholas. The Traveller's Record is sent to us gratuitously, and we are indebted to some unknown friend for the Woman's Home Companion.

ANSEL P. TYLER,	} Trustees of Flint Public Library.
GEORGE F. HASKELL,	
RALPH G. PEABODY,	
GALEN B. HOWE,	
H. HERBERT WILKINS,	
S. A. FLETCHER,	

Middleton, February, 1899.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library February 1, 1898	4,913
“ purchased	53
“ presented by Mrs. Charles F. Palmer	1
“ “ Towle Manuf'g Co., Newburyport	1
“ “ U. S. Government	8
“ “ Mass. State Secretary	7
Books in Library February 1, 1899	4,983

PAMPHLETS.

Received from Essex County	1
“ “ Syracuse, N. Y., library	1
“ “ Brookline Public “	1
“ “ Hopedale “ “	1
“ “ Salem “ “	1
“ “ Somerville “ “	1
“ “ Newton Free “	1
“ “ Mass. State Secretary	7
“ “ Chelsea City Government	1
	15

New names added to list of persons receiving books from the library	61
Whole number of books taken from the library, Feb. 1, 1898—Feb. 1, 1899	5,542
Number of visitors registered in the library, Feb. 1, 1898—Feb. 1, 1899	63
Largest circulation in any one month, April	579
Smallest “ “ “ “ September	372
Number of days library has been open	104

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, *Librarian*.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1899.

S. A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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To services as librarian and janitor	\$150 00
To cash paid Walworth Mfg. Co., work and fare	6 02

To cash paid Walworth Mfg. Co., 54 gallons gasolene at .15	\$8 10	
" " paid Walworth Mfg. Co., 52 gallons gasolene at .14½	7 61	
" " paid Walworth Mfg. Co., 51 gallons gasolene at .14	7 14	
" " paid Lore & Russell for coal	52 00	
" " paid for insurance on books in library	41 25	
" " paid Danvers Water Board	7 00	
" " " J. A. Atwood, care of lawn	23 55	
" " " Newhall & Colcord, sharpening and repairing lawn mower	2 00	
" " paid H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies	1 08	
" " " B. & M. R. R., freight	1 25	
" " " American Express	1 35	
" " " M. E. Tyler for teaming	1 30	
" " " M. J. Emerson, wood for library	3 00	
" " " for paper, mucilage, pens and postage	1 62	
	<hr/>	\$314 27

DR.

By cash received of B. F. Emerson Fund for Library	\$301 91	<i>OK</i>
" " rec'd for gasolene barrels returned	2 40	
" " " at Library for catalogues, cards and fines	9 96	
	<hr/>	\$314 27

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The Trustees of the B. F. Emerson Fund submit the following as their tenth annual report.

33 shares Atchison preferred stock at .61	\$2,013 00
\$2,500 " general mortgage, 4 per cent., \$1.00	2,500 00

\$1,000 Atchison adjustment bonds, 4 per cent., .83	830 00	
\$2,000 N. Y. & N. E. R. R, 1st mortgage 6 per cent, \$1.14 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,295 00	
Deposited in Salem Savings Bank, proceeds of Atchison scrip.	465 00	
Deposited in Andover Savings Bank	1,115 00	
“ “ Danvers “ “	898 00	
Town of Middleton note, 5 per cent.	800 00	
		\$10,916 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1898	\$77 86	
“ dividend 1 on Atchison preferred stock	33 00	
“ interest 4 per cent. Atchison General mortgage bonds	✓ 100 00	
To interest 4 per cent. Adjustment bonds	✓ 40 00	
“ “ 6 “ N. Y. & N. E. R. R. bonds	✓ 120 00	
To interest 5 per cent. Town of Middleton note,	40 00	
“ “ at Andover Savings Bank $\frac{1}{2}$ year	22 30	
“ “ “ Danvers “ “ $1\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	54 96	
“ “ “ Salem “ “ (not declared)		
		\$488 12

Cr.

By cash paid S. A. Fletcher for library supplies	\$301 91	
“ “ for safe deposit vault	10 00	
“ “ A. Shepard for care of Emerson cemetery lot	1 80	
Balance on hand	174 41	
		\$488 12

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees of B. F. Emerson Fund.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRILL,	

Auditor's Report.

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the town, ending Feb. 24, 1899, and find them correct as presented in this report.

EDWIN E. CURRIER, *Auditor.*

Estimates for Next Year.

The finance committee respectfully submit the following estimates of sums to be raised to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Current expenses	\$2,800 00	
Poor department	1,000 00	
Highway department	1,000 00	
Bridges	100 00	
Repairing sidewalks	50 00	✓
Schools	1,600 00	✓
High school	800 00	✓
Incidental school expenses	100 00	✓
School supplies	150 00	✓ <i>Tabled</i>
Compensation to firemen	60 00	✓
Supplies for fire department	150 00	✓
Cemetery, care of	125 00	✓
Cutting bushes where the wood is cut off the cemetery lot	50 00	✓
Memorial Day	50 00	110.
Enforcement of liquor law	50 00	
Repairs on tramp house	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,115 00

List of Jurors.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting, for revision and acceptance :

Samuel A. Fletcher	Solomon W. Weston
John M. Peabody	Kendall F. Richardson
Frank L. Estey	Herbert H. Wilkins
Charles A. Fletcher	John H. Dempsey
Joseph W. Russell	Edwin E. Carrier
Loren G. Estey	George E. Carrier
Sylvanus Flint	Henry E. Howe
Eli E. Richardson	Austin P. Bagley

Town Meeting Warrant.

To Oscar Cram, Constable for the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on

Monday, the thirteenth day of March, next,

at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- 4th To vote on the question : Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town? The vote will be by a separate ballot and the ballot shall be Yes or No in answer to said question.
- 5th To see if the Town will have cut on the town lot what wood will be necessary for the ensuing year and hauled to the lockup to be sawed and split by persons applying for a night's lodging, and determine how the wood when sawed and split shall be disposed of.
- 6th To see how much money the Town will raise to pay the tuition of the High school pupils.
- 7th To see how much money the Town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.
- 8th To see what action the Town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.
- 9th To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

10th To see what action the Town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

11th To see what action the Town will take in regard to enforcement of law in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor.

12th To see what action the Town will take concerning the Cemetery.

13th To see what action the Town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to compensation of firemen.

14th To see what measures the Town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

15th By request of S. S. Haswell, to see if the Town will appropriate \$50 to fix the main street of Haswell Park from entrance at South Main street to Dean Fuller's gate.

16th To see what action the Town will take in regard to having all school children east of the Boston & Maine railroad ride in the barge which carries the east side school children to and from school.

17th To see if the Town will vote to have a hydrant at the corner of Maple and Liberty streets, and appropriate money for the same.

18th To see how much money the Town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

19th To see what action the Town will take in regard to shingling the Tramp House.

20th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

21st To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed may use.

22d To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money, as may be necessary, to meet current expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Centre Post Office and one at the Post Office in South Middleton in said Town

seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of March, A. D., 1899.

B. P. RICHARDSON,	}	<i>Selectmen of Middleton.</i>
ASA HOWE,		
MILTON J. EMERSON,		

